Dublin March 8 - 1848

My dear Friend

For many years past I have not been absent from the Agency of the Annual Box of Bulk tobacco this year. I was engaged in a Tour of Inspection for the Friends Central Relief Committee within the past three weeks and when the Boston Box came to hand was unopened it whether from inadvertence or carelessness I am not decide. I have Wigham & Elisa Wigham (the former Wm Smeal Forster, Elisa Stephenson and an excellent woman - the latter a very sweet young woman, with a pretty face & a warm heart, full of zeal for the cause) called while Hannah was opening the box and undertook the distribution of all the contents intended for Scotland & the North of England. Since I came home we have sent off nearly all the rest. The Bristol parcel shall be sent in a few days - we have a steamer from Dublin to Bristol only once a week. Immediately on receipt of your last note I wrote to Isabel Jennings about the money you had without giving

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You see what a precious mess Europe is likely to be in before long. I wonder if the establishment of a French Republic be likely to affect the prospect of our protracted. Nothing is more unlikely than that Europe can remain at peace with which such antagonistic influences as a Restored Despotism and a French Republic are in full & active operation at the same time.

I look with impatience to the next American mail for my share of the Annual Budget — I am thankful for what I get — and the more to come I am sure it will prove a great pleasure. Remember to compel Eva to write to me at all.

Yours ever truly

Richard D Webb

any explanation for asking the Question. She
nothing respecting sent me word that 12/- was
the same total – nothing more or less. So I
am glad that not a single sovereign was lost
lost – and regret that Claffy should have
been the means of your losing a penny.
I don't know what to say in the prospect
of your visiting our shores except that I thank
you for thinking of having me one of the chief
inducements I had to cross the Atlantic.
Whenever you come we will make you welcome
as the flowers in May. Dublin is a poor city,
Ireland a poor country, and we are no great
things ourselves (though we might not like
other people to say so) – but whatever we are
we shall be most heartily glad to see you.
You are my ideal portrait I have long
had hung up in "my mind's gallery."
Will you tell Samuel Mary Jr that after
the opinion he has expressed of them I am
quite satisfied that he does not send Ware's
Works. Truly I care nothing for theology & even
only dabbling to see one quarter of the whole
which I could not procure without the rest.
I am very much obliged by H.C.'s explicit letter
which tells me exactly what he will have &
when to have – I mean an exact account of
the doings of the abolitionists. I thank you
sincerely for her kind invitation into the Liberator.

The box was very much larger this time than in former years — I think at least double — and the ~~piece~~ end of pearl was one half more than usual & something upwards of £4.10. There will be also something more, but not much for the transmission of funds. At any rate you will not be my debtor for something more than £1 which as poor Tooke says is "the consequence" I intend to send you from henceforth a statement of affairs as at least twice a year which will keep all right.

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Be so good as to discontinue the Tube rates for Wm L. Hoyland & Alexander Mosa of Manchester — and for Charles Marsh, Hebden Bridge, near Wakefield. I think it likely that some at least of them were horrified by an article in a late number about "Wolff's Rhymes", which was by no means orthodox. That article was calculated to put all the orthodox into a cold sweat — and Jane Wigham told Hannah that she very much regretted it. The Scotch Quakers like most Scotch professors actually bristle with orthodoxy

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